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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TERWIN ADVISORS LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

AMERICAN LENDING GROUP, INC.,

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT** 

Plaintiff Terwin Advisors LLC ("Terwin"), by its attorneys Miller & Wrubel P.C., as and for its Complaint against defendant alleges as follows:

## ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

#### **The Parties**

- 1. Terwin is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 45 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 420, New York, New York 10111. Terwin is engaged in the business of, <u>inter alia</u>, purchasing, trading and securitizing mortgages.
- 2. Terwin is a citizen of New York, New Jersey and California for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Terwin's members, and the members of LLCs that are members of Terwin, are citizens of New York, New Jersey and California. None is a citizen of Missouri.

3. On information and belief, defendant American Lending Group, Inc. ("American Lending") is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri with its principal place of business at 22 Richmond Center Ct., St. Peters, MO 63376. On further information and belief, American Lending is engaged in the business of, inter alia, originating and selling mortgages.

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), as the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states.
- 5. Venue in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because American Lending consented to venue in this Court, a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District, a substantial part of the property that is the subject of this action is situated in this District and American Lending is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District.
- 6. American Lending is subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court because, as more fully set forth below, it consented to jurisdiction in the State and County of New York, transacted business in the State of New York and contracted to supply goods and services in the State of New York.

## American Lending's Breach of the Purchase Agreement

#### A. The Purchase Agreement

7. On or about July 1, 2004, Terwin and American Lending entered into a Seller's Purchase, Warranties and Interim Servicing Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2004, as amended and supplemented from time to time (collectively the "Purchase")

Agreement"). The Purchase Agreement includes a written Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") executed on or about January 15, 2005.

8. In the Purchase Agreement, Terwin and American Lending contracted for American Lending to sell to Terwin certain Mortgage Loans (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), subject to the terms and conditions in the Purchase Agreement, and American Lending agreed to repurchase those Mortgage Loans under the circumstance referred to as "Early Payment Default" or "EPD".

#### B. Consent to Jurisdiction

9. In the Amendment, American Lending expressly consented and submitted to the "exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan [and] the federal courts of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York," and waived any objection that this Court is an inconvenient forum. Moreover, the Purchase Agreement (a) was negotiated in material part in the State of New York, (b) required performance by American Lending in the form of the delivery of documents and funds, and the benefits of mortgage servicing, to Terwin at its offices in the State of New York, and (c) chose New York law as governing law for the Purchase Agreement.

## C. American Lending's Default in Its Obligation to Repurchase Early Payment Default Loans

10. Starting in 2004, Terwin purchased Mortgage Loans from American Lending pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and the Amendment. In total, Terwin purchased 635 Mortgage Loans from American Lending with a dollar value exceeding \$61,659,000. Terwin was located in New York during its entire business

relationship with American Lending and the money to purchase these Mortgage Loans came from New York.

- 11. Pursuant to § 3.05 of the Purchase Agreement, entitled 
  "Repurchase of Mortgage Loans With Early Payment Defaults," American Lending 
  agreed to repurchase from Terwin certain Mortgage Loans ("Early Payment Default 
  Loans" or "EPD Loans") as to which there occurred payment defaults within three 
  months after the Closing Date (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) for such Mortgage 
  Loans. Section 3.05 of the Purchase Agreement provides as follows:
  - If (a) a Mortgagor is thirty (30) days or more delinquent with respect to any of the first three (3) Monthly Payments due on the related Mortgage Loan immediately following the applicable Closing Date or (b) a Mortgage Loan is in bankruptcy or litigation within the first three (3) months immediately following the applicable Closing Date, the Seller [American Lending], at the Purchaser's option, shall promptly repurchase such Mortgage Loan from the Purchaser [Terwin] within five (5) Business Days of receipt of written notice from the Purchaser, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 3.03 hereof, however, any such repurchase shall be made at the Repurchase Price.
- Thus, the Purchase Agreement expressly and unambiguously gave

  Terwin the right to cause American Lending to repurchase, and imposed on American

  Lending the obligation to repurchase, at the Repurchase Price, any Early Payment Default

  Loans as to which Terwin requested repurchase.
- 13. Certain of the Mortgage Loans that Terwin purchased from American Lending pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, which Mortgage Loans are identified on Exhibit A hereto, were Early Payment Default Loans, that is, Mortgage Loans as to which (a) a Mortgagor (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) was thirty

- (30) days or more delinquent with respect to any of the first three (3) Monthly Payments due on the related Mortgage Loan immediately following the applicable Closing Date or (b) the Mortgage Loan was in bankruptcy or litigation within the first three (3) months immediately following the applicable Closing Date.
- 14. The Mortgage Loans listed on Exhibit A hereto are all Early Payment Default Loans as defined in the Purchase Agreement.
- 15. Terwin gave American Lending written notice of such Early
  Payment Default Loans and exercised Terwin's option to require American Lending to
  repurchase such Early Payment Default Loans, all in accordance with the terms of the
  Purchase Agreement.
- 16. Terwin stood ready, willing and able, at all relevant times, to reconvey the Mortgage Loans on Exhibit A to American Lending.
- 17. American Lending did not repurchase the Early Payment Default Loans listed on Exhibit A hereto as requested by Terwin. Therefore, American Lending is in breach of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement.
- 18. Terwin performed all of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement.

# AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract – Damages for Failure to Repurchase Early Payment Default Loans)

- 19. Terwin repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 18, above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. The Mortgage Loans that are the subject of this action are set forth on Exhibit A.

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- 21. American Lending's failure to repurchase the Early Payment Default Loans listed on Exhibit A hereto, was and is a breach of the Purchase Agreement.
- 22. Terwin is entitled, by means of an award of damages, to be put in the same position economically that it would have been in had American Lending performed its repurchase obligations under the Purchase Agreement.
- 23. The aggregate realized losses suffered by Terwin for the Early Payment Default Loans, with interest through November 30, 2007, was not less than \$224,640, no part of which has been paid despite demand therefor.
- 24. The aggregate Repurchase Price due and owing to Terwin for the remaining Early Payment Default Loans as to which no loss has been realized, as of November 30, 2007, was \$1,073,643, no part of which has been paid despite demand therefor.
- 25. Absent American Lending's repurchase of the Early Payment Default Loans from Terwin, Terwin's damages will continually increase due to the accrual of interest on outstanding Early Payment Default Loan balances at the related Mortgage Interest Rate (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), and the expenses of owning and servicing Mortgage Loans.
- 26. By reason of this breach of contract, American Lending is liable to Terwin in an amount to be determined but not less than \$1,298,283, plus interest at the statutory rate of 9% from the date(s) of breach until the date of judgment. Terwin hereby tenders to American Lending the Mortgage Loans as to which a loss has not yet been realized, as set forth on Exhibit A, in return for payment of the Full Repurchase Price.

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Alternatively, Terwin demands judgment for its damages suffered with respect to each and every Mortgage Loan on Exhibit A not repurchased by American Lending.

## AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Indemnification – Legal Fees and Related Costs)

- 27. Terwin repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1-26, above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 28. Pursuant to § 8.01 of the Purchase Agreement, American Lending expressly and unambiguously agreed to indemnify Terwin and hold Terwin harmless "against any and all . . . losses, damages, . . . legal fees and related costs . . . and any other costs, fees and expenses that the Purchaser [Terwin] may sustain in any way related to (i) the failure of the Seller [American Lending] to observe and perform its duties, obligations, and covenants in strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement . . . ."
- 29. Pursuant to § 8.01 of the Purchase Agreement and § 7 of the Amendment, American Lending's indemnity obligation expressly includes the legal fees and court costs, and all other costs, fees and expenses, that Terwin has incurred, is incurring and will incur in connection with American Lending's failure to observe and perform its obligation to repurchase Early Payment Default Loans as set forth above, including but not limited to all attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses incurred in this action.
- 30. Pursuant to § 8.01 of the Purchase Agreement and § 7 of the Amendment, American Lending is liable to Terwin for all of Terwin's legal fees and related costs, and all other costs, fees and expenses that Terwin has incurred, is incurring and will incur in connection with American Lending's failure to observe and perform its obligation to repurchase Early Payment Default Loans pursuant to the Purchase

in this action.

Agreement, including but not limited to all attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses incurred in this action, plus interest at the applicable statutory rate in New York of 9% per annum from the date each such damage or cost was incurred to the date of judgment

WHEREFORE, Terwin demands judgment in its favor and against American Lending as follows:

- (i) on its First Cause of Action, awarding Terwin as against American Lending an amount to be determined but not less than \$1,298,283, plus interest at the statutory rate of 9% from the date(s) of breach until the date of judgment, in return for which payment Terwin tenders the Mortgage Loans on Exhibit A as to which no loss has been realized, or, alternatively, Terwin's damages incurred as to each such Mortgage Loan as a result of American Lending's failure to repurchase it;
- (ii) on its Second Cause of Action, awarding Terwin all Terwin's legal fees and related costs, and all other costs, fees and expenses that Terwin has incurred, is incurring and will incur in connection with American Lending's failure to observe and perform its obligation to repurchase Mortgage Loans pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, including but not limited to all attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses incurred in this action, plus interest at the applicable statutory rate in New York of 9% per annum from the

date each such damage or cost was incurred to the date of judgment in this action; and

(iii) granting such other or further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in the circumstances.

Dated: November 27, 2007

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### Exhibit A

| twg#      | lien | realized loss | repurchase total                 |
|-----------|------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 100061042 | 2    | 48,591        | cannot repurchase, realized loss |
| 100073249 | 1    | 74,563        | cannot repurchase, realized loss |
| 100063068 | 1    | 101,486       | cannot repurchase, realized loss |
| 100023366 | 1    |               | 45,985                           |
| 100060639 | 2    |               | 51,413                           |
| 100073250 | 2    |               | 110,475                          |
| 100060637 | 1    |               | 204,223                          |
| 100047102 | 1    |               | 240,954                          |
| 100070636 | 1    |               | 420,593                          |